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Dear Mr. Jaffe:

For a long time I ate chickens without realizing what wonderful creatures they are. That's why I'm so troubled when I hear that beautiful, healthy hens are made to molt unnaturally to produce more eggs. During forced molting, a chicken's body is thrown into a state of collapse, stressing them into losing their feathers quickly and forcing them into another laying cycle. Also, to trick the hens into laying more eggs, they are deprived of food and water for two weeks or more. This behavior on behalf of the egg industry is totally unacceptable. Laying eggs should not be a stressful process for hens. But because the egg industry is so uncaring and greedy, the chickens go through a lot of pain. So I'm asking you to please ban forced molting of layer hens (docket 98P-0203/CP).

On behalf of the animals,

Heather D. Marshall

P.S. Please respond.

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